

Lecture 1:

Key points from the lecture

1. An overview of Muntakhab Nisab of Dr. Israr Ahmed

It was discussed that it is structured around the four key components of Surah Al-Asr (Iman, Amal Saleh, Enjoining Haq, Enjoining Steadfastness)

2. Overview of the key topic of the surah

The main theme of this surah is the life of the Ummah as a collective body (including the matters dealing with the state). The same matters can also be applied to the organizations striving for Islamic causes. The surah also discusses the importance of not going beyond what Allah swt and His messenger ﷺ have enjoined upon us.

3. Importance of understanding the themes of each surah:

In the third part of today's lecture, we discussed how each surah has a common theme and each ayah in that surah links with it beautifully. We also learnt that Allah swt puts in a beautiful pearl of wisdom in between a discussion that is partially related to the discussion. But that point in itself is a world of its own in terms of wisdom and application.

4. Relationship between the surahs

In this part, we learnt that the Quranic surahs are linked to each other. What is discussed in one surah is continued on in the next. Also, there are various groups of Makki and Madani surahs which are linked to each other in a beautiful manner.

5. Taweel-e-khas aur taweel-e-aam

In this part, we learnt that the ayahs that were revealed about certain events or incidences are not just related to them. How they are interpreted in relation to those events is called their taweel-e-khas. However, they also have a generic meaning and implication. That is called taweel-e-aam. In order to understand the meaning of the Quran, both these aspects are required.